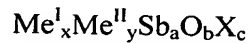


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A phosphor for converting ultraviolet light or blue light emitted from a light emitting element into a visible white radiation, ~~having a very high level of color rendering properties, said phosphor being characterized by comprising:~~
_____ a light emitting component prepared from selected from a group consisting of:
_____ a solid system of an alkaline earth metal antimonate and a system or a derived derivative of the from the solid system alkaline earth metal antimonate exhibiting intrinsic photoemission, such as comprising a fluoroantimonate,
_____ a light emitting component prepared from a manganese(IV)-activated compound, the manganese (IV)-activated compound selected from a group consisting of an antimonate, a titanate, a silicate-germanate, and an aluminate,
_____ a light emitting component prepared from a europium-activated silicate-germanate or from a system containing,
_____ a sensitizer selected from a group consisting of Eu(II) and Mn(II) as a secondary activator and having an orange color, an orange-red color, a red color, or a dark red color in the a spectrum range over 600 nm, or and
_____ a light emitting component composed of a mixture of eight or less light emitting components having different emission bands and brought to a state of broad continuous emission of about 380 to 780 nm, the mixture having a color temperature of about 10,000 K with blue-white color to 6,500 K with daylight color and having a color temperature of about 3,000 K with warm white color to 2,000 K with twilight color of reddish yellow by virtue of the superposition of the emission bands.

2. (Currently Amended) A phosphor for converting ultraviolet or blue light emitted from the light emitting element according to claim 1 to a visible white radiation, ~~having a very high level of color rendering properties, characterized by comprising a wherein~~
the light emitting alkaline earth metal antimonate is represented by general formula



~~Wherein~~ wherein:

~~Me^I is comprises~~ at least ~~one~~ an element selected from ~~the~~ a group consisting of calcium (Ca), strontium (Sr), barium (Ba), cadmium (Cd), zinc (Zn), beryllium (Be), magnesium (Mg), europium (Eu), manganese (Mn), scandium (Sc), yttrium (Y), lanthanum (La), samarium (Sm), praseodymium (Pr), dysprosium (Dy), and terbium (Tb),

~~Me^{II} comprises~~ is at least one element selected from the group consisting of lithium (Li), sodium (Na), potassium (K), rubidium (Rb), and cesium (Cs);

X represents at least one element selected from ~~the~~ a group consisting of fluorine (F), chlorine (Cl), and bromine (Br);

~~x (lowercase letter) = 0 (zero) to 8;~~

~~y = 0 to 4;~~

~~0 < a < 16;~~

~~0 < b < 64;~~

~~0 ≤ c ≤ 4; and~~

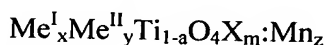
~~a part of antimony (Sb)~~ Sb comprises at least one element selected from a group consisting of ~~may be replaced with antimony (Sb),~~ vanadium (V), niobium (Nb), tantalum (Ta), phosphorus (P), arsenic (As), titanium (Ti), zirconium (Zr), hafnium (Hf), silicon (Si), germanium (Ge), molybdenum (Mo), or tungsten (W), ~~or alternatively may contain a system derived from them, for example, a fluoroantimonate and a derivative of at least one of said elements.~~

3. (Currently Amended) A phosphor for converting ultraviolet or blue light emitted from the light emitting element according to claim 1 to a visible white radiation ~~having a very high level of color rendering properties, characterized by comprising an,~~ wherein the alkaline earth metal antimonate ~~which exhibits intrinsic photoemission and emits light in a red spectrum region with a maximum emission wavelength of about 600 to 670 nm.~~

4. (Withdrawn- Currently Amended) A phosphor for converting ultraviolet or blue light emitted from the light emitting element according to claim 1 to a visible white radiation ~~having a very high level of color rendering properties, characterized by~~ further comprising a light emitting manganese(IV)-activated antimonate which exhibits an emission band in a deep

red spectrum region with about 600 to 700 nm or a narrow structured light emission with about 650 to 660 nm.

5. (Withdrawn- Currently Amended) A phosphor for converting ultraviolet or blue light emitted from the light emitting element according to claim 1 to a visible white radiation ~~having a very high level of color rendering properties, characterized by further~~ comprising a manganese(IV)-activated titanate represented by general formula



wherein

Me^{I} comprises at least one divalent cation selected from the group consisting of Ca, Sr, Ba, Eu, Be, Mg, and Zn, or at least one trivalent cation selected from group III metals of the Periodic Table, for example, Sc, Y, and La and Gd, Sm, Dy, and Pr,

Me^{II} comprises at least one monovalent cation selected from the group consisting of alkali metals,

X comprises an ion selected from Cl and F for charge balancing,

$$0 \leq x \leq 4,$$

$$0 \leq y \leq 4,$$

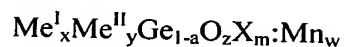
$$0 \leq m \leq 4,$$

$$0 \leq a \leq 1, \text{ and}$$

$$0 < z \leq 0.5,$$

Mn comprises manganese with a valence of 2 to 4 and incorporated into the lattice, and Ti comprises titanium that may be completely or partially replaced with Zr, Hf, Si, or Ge, and may be partially replaced with B (boron), Al (aluminum), Ga (gallium), In (indium), P, Nb, Ta, or V, provided that, in this case, in the cation partial lattice, there is a proper charge balance or a halogen is further incorporated.

6. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A phosphor for LED for converting ultraviolet or blue light emitted from the light emitting element according to claim 1 to a visible white radiation ~~having a very high level of color rendering properties, characterized by further~~ comprising a red light emitting manganese(IV)-activated silicate-germanate or yellow-orange light emitting manganese(II)-activated silicate-germanate represented by general formula



wherein

Me^{I} ~~comprises~~ is at least one divalent or/and trivalent metal selected from group II or III metals of the Periodic Table and/or at least one lanthanide ion selected from the group consisting of Eu, Pr, Sm, Gd, and Dy,

Me^{II} ~~comprises~~ is at least one monovalent cation,

X ~~is comprises~~ at least one anion selected from Cl and F elements,

$$0 < w \leq 0.5,$$

$$0 < x \leq 28,$$

$$0 \leq y \leq 14,$$

$$0 \leq m \leq 20,$$

$$0 \leq a < 1,$$

$$0 < z \leq 48,$$

and Ge may be completely or partially replaced with Si, Zr, or Ti, and/or may be partially replaced with B, Al, or Ga, and further may be replaced with P, V, Nb, Ta, W, or Mo.

7. (Withdrawn- Currently Amended) A phosphor for converting ultraviolet or blue light emitted from the light emitting element according to claim 1 to a visible white radiation ~~having a very high level of color rendering properties, characterized by~~ further comprising a europium-activated silicate-germanate capable of emitting a light among lights ranging from orange light to orange-red light with a broadband light emitting spectrum at 588 to 610 nm.

8. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A phosphor for converting ultraviolet or blue light emitted from the light emitting element according to claim 1 to a visible white radiation ~~having a very high level of color rendering properties, characterized by~~ further comprising a red light emitting manganese(IV)-activated aluminate or orange light emitting manganese(II)-activated aluminate having a simple spinel-type structure up to a hexagonal structure represented by general formula



wherein

Me^{I} ~~comprises~~ is at least one element selected from group II or III metals of the

Periodic Table and/or at least one lanthanide ion selected from the group consisting of Eu, Pr, Sm, Gd, Dy, and Ce,

Me^{II} comprises at least one monovalent cation,

$$0 \leq x \leq 8,$$

$$0 \leq y \leq 4,$$

$$0 < m \leq 16,$$

$$0 < n \leq 27,$$

$$0 < z \leq 0.5, \text{ and}$$

Al may be completely or partially replaced with B and/or Ga and/or may be partially replaced with P, V, Nb, Ta, Si, Ge, W, or Mo.

9. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A phosphor for converting ultraviolet or blue light emitted from the light emitting element according to claim 1 to a visible white radiation ~~having a very high level of color rendering properties, characterized in that~~ wherein a europium-manganese double activated phosphor is contained and that light, emitted from a manganese(II) ion, in a color among colors ranging from yellow to red colors as either a separate emission band or a shoulder in low wavelength fusion of primary light emission is sensitized with a primary activator in which the emission band overlaps with at least one characteristic excitation band of manganese(II) and emission of light from Eu is produced in a blue to green spectrum region.

10. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A phosphor for converting ultraviolet or blue light emitted from the light emitting element according to claim 1 to a visible white radiation ~~having a very high level of color rendering properties, characterized by~~ further comprising a borate-silicate-phosphate which has been activated by europium and manganese and is represented by general formula



wherein

Me^{I} comprises at least one element selected from group II and/or group III metals of the Periodic Table and/or at least one lanthanide ion selected from the group consisting of Eu, Pr, Sm, Gd, Dy, and Ce,

Me^{II} ~~comprises~~ at least one monovalent cation,

X ~~comprises~~ Cl, F, or Br,

$0 \leq x \leq 10$,

$0 \leq y \leq 12$,

$0 < a \leq 6$,

$0 < n \leq 24$,

$0 \leq m \leq 16$, and

B may be completely or partially replaced with P, Si, Ga, or Al and may be partially replaced with V, Nb, Ta, Ge, W, or Mo.

11. (Currently Amended) A phosphor for converting ultraviolet or blue light emitted from the light emitting element according to claim 1 to a visible white radiation ~~having a very high level of color rendering properties, characterized in that~~ wherein white light having color rendering Ia and a color rendering index $R_a > 90$ is produced by a combination of a radiation emitted from the phosphor with a primary radiation emitted from a light emitting element capable of constituting a semiconductor element or a gas discharge lamp and, thus, this element can be used as a background illumination device and in lighting in a living space and furnishings, in photography and microscopic examination, in medical technology, and in lighting technology in museums and any place where a very authentic color rendering is important.

12. (Currently Amended) A phosphor for converting ultraviolet or blue light emitted from the light emitting element according to claim 1 to a visible white radiation ~~having a very high level of color rendering properties, characterized in that~~ wherein said phosphor is applied, either solely or as a mixture of other phosphor, as a layer in a light emitting element and white light with color rendering Ia is produced by a combination of a primary radiation emitted from said light emitting element with a radiation emitted from the layer of the phosphor.

13. (Currently Amended) A phosphor for converting ultraviolet or blue light emitted from the light emitting element according to claim 1 to a visible white radiation

~~having a very high level of color rendering properties, characterized in that~~ wherein said light emitting element used comprises an is LED for emitting a primary radiation in an ultraviolet spectrum region with more than 300 nm or a violet or blue spectrum region with more than 380 nm.

14. (Currently Amended) An optical device, comprising:
a wavelength converting part, ~~said wavelength converting part~~ comprising a phosphor ~~capable of adapted to be excited to emitting light excited based on light emitted from an LED element, characterized in that~~

wherein the said wavelength converting part comprises a light emitting component prepared selected from a group consisting of ~~from a solid system of~~

an alkaline earth metal antimonate or a derivative of the alkaline earth metal antimonate and a system derived from the solid system exhibiting intrinsic photoemission, such as comprising a fluoroantimonate,

a light emitting component prepared from a manganese(IV)-activated compound, the manganese (IV)-activated compound selected from a group consisting of an antimonate, a titanate, a silicate-germanate, and an aluminate,

a light emitting component prepared from a europium-activated silicate-germanate, or from a system containing

a sensitizer selected from a group consisting of Eu(II) and Mn(II) as a secondary activator and having an orange color, an orange-red color, a red color, or a dark red color in the spectrum range over 600 nm, and

a phosphor with a different emission band.

15. (Currently Amended) An optical device ~~characterized by~~ comprising:
an LED element;
a power feeding part for mounting said LED element thereon and feeding power to said LED element;

a light transparent sealing part for sealing said LED element and said power feeding part integrally with each other; and

a wavelength converting part for emitting light upon excitation based on light emitted from said LED element,

~~wherein said wavelength converting part comprising~~ comprises a light emitting component ~~prepared from a solid system of~~ selected from a group consisting of an alkaline earth metal antimonate ~~or a derivative of the alkaline earth metal antimonate~~ and a system derived from the solid system exhibiting intrinsic photoemission, such as a ~~comprising a~~ fluoroantimonate, a light emitting component prepared from a manganese(IV)-activated compound, the manganese (IV)-activated compound selected from a group consisting of an antimonate, a titanate, a silicate-germanate, and an aluminate, a light emitting component prepared from a europium-activated silicate-germanate ~~or from a system containing~~ a sensitizer selected from a group consisting of Eu(II) and Mn(II) as a secondary activator and having an orange color, an orange-red color, a red color, or a dark red color in the spectrum range over 600 nm, ~~or and~~ a phosphor with a different emission band.

16. (Currently Amended) An optical device ~~characterized by,~~ comprising:
an LED lamp;
a light guiding part for guiding light emitted from said LED lamp; and
a wavelength converting part for emitting light upon excitation based on light guided through said light guiding part,
~~wherein said wavelength converting part comprising~~ a light emitting component prepared from a solid system of ~~selected from a group consisting of:~~
an alkaline earth metal antimonate ~~or a derivative of the alkaline earth metal antimonate comprising and a system derived from the solid system exhibiting intrinsic photoemission, such as a~~ fluoroantimonate,
a light emitting component prepared from a manganese(IV)-activated compound, the manganese (IV)-activated compound selected from a group consisting of an antimonate, a titanate, a silicate-germanate, and an aluminate,
a light emitting component prepared from a europium-activated silicate-germanate, ~~or from a system containing and~~
a sensitizer selected from a group consisting of Eu(II) and Mn(II) as a secondary activator and having an orange color, an orange-red color, a red color, or a dark red color in the spectrum range over 600 nm, or a phosphor with a different emission band, and

wherein the optical device further comprises a part to be lighted based on light emitted through said wavelength converting part.

17. (Currently Amended) An optical device according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~wherein

said wavelength converting part comprises a phosphor, said phosphor comprising a light emitting alkaline earth metal antimonate represented by general formula



wherein

Me^I iscomprises at least one element selected from the group consisting of calcium (Ca), strontium (Sr), barium (Ba), cadmium (Cd), zinc (Zn), beryllium (Be), magnesium (Mg), europium (Eu), manganese (Mn), scandium (Sc), yttrium (Y), lanthanum (La), samarium (Sm), praseodymium (Pr), dysprosium (Dy), and terbium (Tb),

Me^{II} iscomprises at least one element selected from the group consisting of lithium (Li), sodium (Na), potassium (K), rubidium (Rb), and cesium (Cs),

X (uppercase letter) represents at least one element selected from the group consisting of fluorine (F), chlorine (Cl), and bromine (Br),

x (lowercase letter) = 0 (zero) to 8,

y = 0 to 4,

0 < a < 16,

0 < b < 64,

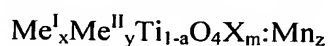
0 ≤ c ≤ 4,

and a part of antimony (Sb) may be replaced with vanadium (V), niobium (Nb), tantalum (Ta), phosphorus (P), arsenic (As), titanium (Ti), zirconium (Zr), hafnium (Hf), silicon (Si), germanium (Ge), molybdenum (Mo), or tungsten (W), or alternatively may contain a system derived from them, for example, a fluoroantimonate.

18. (Currently Amended) The optical device according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said wavelength converting part comprises a phosphor comprising an alkaline earth metal antimonate which exhibits intrinsic photoemission and emits light in a red spectrum region with a maximum emission wavelength of about 600 to 670 nm.

19. (Withdrawn- Currently Amended) The optical device according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said wavelength converting part comprises a phosphor comprising a light emitting manganese(IV)-activated antimonate which exhibits an emission band in a deep red spectrum region with about 600 to 700 nm or a narrow structured light emission with about 650 to 660 nm.

20. (Withdrawn- Currently Amended) The optical device according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said wavelength converting part comprises a phosphor comprising a manganese(IV)-activated titanate represented by general formula



wherein

Me^I comprises at least one divalent cation selected from the group consisting of Ca, Sr, Ba, Eu, Be, Mg, and Zn, or at least one trivalent cation selected from group III metals of the Periodic Table, for example, Sc, Y, and La and Gd, Sm, Dy, and Pr,

Me^{II} comprises at least one monovalent cation selected from the group consisting of alkali metals,

X comprises an ion selected from Cl and F for charge balancing,

$$0 \leq x \leq 4,$$

$$0 \leq y \leq 4,$$

$$0 \leq m \leq 4,$$

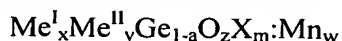
$$0 \leq a \leq 1, \text{ and}$$

$$0 \leq z \leq 0.5,$$

Mn comprises manganese with a valence of 2 to 4 and incorporated into the lattice, and Ti comprises titanium that may be completely or partially replaced with Zr, Hf, Si, or Ge, and may be partially replaced with B (boron), Al (aluminum), Ga (gallium), In (indium), P, Nb, Ta, or V, provided that, in this case, in the cation partial lattice, there is a proper charge balance or a halogen is further incorporated.

21. (Withdrawn- Currently Amended) The optical device according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said wavelength converting part comprises a phosphor comprising a red light emitting manganese(IV)-activated silicate-germanate or yellow-orange

light emitting manganese(II)-activated silicate-germanate represented by general formula



wherein

Me^{I} iscomprises at least one divalent or/and trivalent metal selected from group II or III metals of the Periodic Table and/or at least one lanthanide ion selected from the group consisting of Eu, Pr, Sm, Gd, and Dy,

Me^{II} iscomprises at least one monovalent cation,

X iscomprises at least one anion selected from Cl and F elements,

$$0 \leq w \leq 0.5,$$

$$0 < x \leq 28,$$

$$0 \leq y \leq 14,$$

$$0 \leq m \leq 20,$$

$$0 \leq a < 1,$$

$$0 < z \leq 48,$$

and Ge may be completely or partially replaced with Si, Zr, or Ti, and/or may be partially replaced with B, Al, or Ga, and further may be replaced with P, V, Nb, Ta, W, or Mo.

22. (Withdrawn- Currently Amended) The optical device according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said wavelength converting part comprises a phosphor comprising a europium-activated silicate-germanate capable of emitting a light among lights ranging from orange light to orange-red light with a broadband light emitting spectrum at 588 to 610 nm.

23. (Withdrawn- Currently Amended) The optical device according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said wavelength converting part comprises a phosphor comprising a red light emitting manganese(IV)-activated aluminate or orange light emitting manganese(II)-activated aluminate having a simple spinel-type structure up to a hexagonal structure represented by general formula



wherein

Me^{I} iscomprises at least one element selected from group II or III metals of the

Periodic Table and/or at least one lanthanide ion selected from the group consisting of Eu, Pr, Sm, Gd, Dy, and Ce,

Me^{II} iscomprises at least one monovalent cation,

$0 \leq x \leq 8,$

$0 \leq y \leq 4,$

$0 < m \leq 16,$

$0 < n \leq 27,$

$0 < z \leq 0.5,$

Al may be completely or partially replaced with B and/or Ga and/or may be partially replaced with P, V, Nb, Ta, Si, Ge, W, or Mo.

24. (Withdrawn- Currently Amended) The optical device according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said wavelength converting part comprises a europium-manganese double activated phosphor and that light, emitted from a manganese(II) ion, in a color among colors ranging from yellow to red colors as either a separate emission band or a shoulder in low wavelength fusion of primary light emission is sensitized with a primary activator in which the emission band overlaps with at least one characteristic excitation band of manganese(II) and emission of light from Eu is produced in a blue to green spectrum region.

25. (Withdrawn- Currently Amended) The optical device according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said wavelength converting part comprises a phosphor comprising a borate-silicate-phosphate which has been activated by europium and manganese and is represented by general formula



wherein

Me^{I} iscomprises at least one element selected from group II and/or group III metals of the Periodic Table and/or at least one lanthanide ion selected from the group consisting of Eu, Pr, Sm, Gd, Dy, and Ce,

Me^{II} iscomprises at least one monovalent cation,

X iscomprises Cl, F, or Br,

$$0 \leq x \leq 10,$$

$$0 \leq y \leq 12,$$

$$0 < a \leq 6,$$

$$0 < n \leq 24,$$

$$0 \leq m \leq 16, \text{ and}$$

B may be completely or partially replaced with P, Si, Ga, or Al and may be partially replaced with V, Nb, Ta, Ge, W, or Mo.

26. (Currently Amended) The optical device according to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said wavelength converting part is included in said light transparent sealing resin for sealing said LED element.

27 (Currently Amended) The optical device according to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said phosphor ~~is~~comprises a thin-film phosphor layer that is sealed with said light transparent glass.

28. (Currently Amended) The optical device according to claim 26, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said phosphor layer is planar.

29. (Currently Amended) The optical device according to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said wavelength converting part is provided on a surface of the sealing resin having an optical shape that radiates light emitted from said LED element in a desired lighting area.

30. (Currently Amended) The optical device according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said wavelength converting part is excited upon exposure to blue light and/or ultraviolet light with wavelengths ranging from 300 nm to 500 nm.

31. (New) The phosphor according to claim 1, wherein the derivative of the alkaline earth metal antimonate comprises a compound selected from a group consisting of a calcium metantimonate, a calcium pyroantimonate, and a calcium fluoroantimonate.